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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits of the case, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification (Clean copy as amended)

Please replace the paragraph 8 on page 12 with the following:

Figure 11 shows integration of the mer operon into the chloroplast genome. A: PCR using specific primers that land in the gene cassette (5P(SEQ ID NO: 5)/2M (SEQ ID NO: 6)) show a product of 3.8kb size (clones 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11). Clones 1 and 3 show no integration of the cassette. Positive control, is plasmid pLD-merAB-3'UTR. Negative control is untransformed plant DNA. B: PCR using specific primers that land within the native chloroplast genome (3P/3M), eliminate mutants (clone 3), showing integration of the cassette into the chloroplast genome (clones: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11. 1.6 kb PCR product).